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DOMESTIC SERVICES BY VSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited(VSNL) propose to start domestic services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the areas of operation identified for the purpose;

(c) the time by which the said services are likely to be introduced; and

(d) the total kilometres of route of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) proposed to be laid by the VSNL, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) VSNL have planned to introduce the National Long Distance (NLD) services in limited cities.

(c) The service is likely to start within the current financial year.

(d) As on date, VSNL do not propose to lay its own Optical Fibre Cable.